

TRIBUTE TO JERRY C. PRUIETT

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of veteran, community leader, and my longtime friend Jerry C. Pruiett, who will retire after a lifetime of work. Jerry's extraordinary commitment to community service reflects the best values of Central Texas; his strong work ethic and his friendly and inspiring attitude lifts all around him.

Jerry's military career was but a humble beginning of a life filled with love and service. A gifted athlete, Jerry turned down an opportunity to try out for the New York Mets to join the Navy. He served his country aboard two Navy aircraft carriers: the USS Coral Sea, known as the "Ageless Warrior", and the USS Enterprise, the world's first nuclear powered aircraft carrier.

After the Navy, Jerry continued life in the civil service for two more years at Kelly Air Force Base. Shortly thereafter, Jerry accepted a job with ButterKrust Bakery and shouldered the responsibility of General Sales Manager for 28 years. In 2003, Jerry went to work for K&N Management and will retire on October 24, 2015.

Over the years, Jerry found numerous ways to serve his fellow man in the Round Rock, Texas Community. In 2010 Jerry coordinated a successful golf tournament to support Nevus Outreach to help children born with skin diseases. Having seen his father diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Jerry wanted to do all he could to help those in need and would later organize a fundraiser in support of research into that debilitating disease.

When I reflect on Jerry's life of service and our friendship over the years I am reminded of the teachings of Christ when he taught, "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." To Jerry, these are not mere words but a summons by which to live a fulfilling life. I am proud to call Jerry my friend. Round Rock is lucky to have him as a part of our growing community.

Retirement is to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but rather the beginning of a new adventure. I salute Jerry Pruiett for his hard work and dedication to his community. I wish him only the best in the years ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER, RECIPIENT OF THE LACKAWANNA PRO BONO'S ROBERT W. MUNLEY AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Women's Resource Center which will be awarded the 2015 Lackawanna Pro Bono's Robert W. Munley Award. Lackawanna Pro Bono is a non-profit organization established in 1997 to increase the availability of free legal representation for low-income in-

dividuals and families throughout Lackawanna County.

The Women's Resource Center is a non-profit organization located in Scranton, Pennsylvania. The Women's Resource Center is the sole provider of domestic violence and sexual assault services in Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties. Since 1976, Women's Resource Center has provided free and confidential services that support justice, autonomy, restoration, and safety for adult and child survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Women's Resource Center utilizes a holistic approach, providing crisis and advocacy services, safe housing, transitional housing and civil/legal representation for survivors. Programs are designed to be flexible to meet the needs of survivors from diverse ethnic, cultural, racial, and socioeconomic backgrounds. In 2014, Women's Resource Center provided services to 1,504 survivors of domestic violence and 297 survivors of sexual assault, providing safe housing for 145 families. Civil legal representation was provided for 110 program participants with 206 case filings.

Today, under the leadership of Executive Director Peg Ruddy, the Women's Resource Center remains a dynamic force in northeastern Pennsylvania, helping over 50,000 women and children in Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties rebuild their lives free of violence and fear since beginning operations. Of that number, 42,138 were adult and child victims of domestic violence and 9,949 victims of sexual abuse. Those reaching out for help come from all walks of life, socioeconomic backgrounds, education, ethnicities, and sexual orientation. Services are free and extended to everyone, including family members, adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse, and men in same sex relationships.

It is an honor to recognize the Women's Resource Center for the great service it has done for the community, and I extend my congratulations on being awarded the Lackawanna Pro Bono's Robert W. Munley Award. I commend the Women's Resource Center for the great efforts it puts forth to make northeastern Pennsylvania a better community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following remarks regarding my absence from votes which occurred on October 9, 2015. I departed from Washington due to the flood crisis in the district to accompany Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and Red Cross National President Gail McGovern.

1) H.R. 702—To Adapt to Changing Crude Oil Market Conditions—YES; Amash Amendment 1—NO; Messer Amendment 5—YES; Messer Amendment 6—YES; Motion to recommit H.R. 702—NO.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT
NICHOLAS DE KRUIF**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nicholas De Kruij of Boy Scout Troop 98 in Urbandale, Iowa, for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Nicholas is the son of Jim and Elizabeth De Kruij of Johnston, Iowa.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about four percent of Boy Scouts earn the prestigious Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained for more than a century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout must pass specific tests organized by requirements and merit badges, and complete an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Nicholas has earned 21 merit badges as a Boy Scout. For his Eagle Scout Service Project he and his twin brother Noah, who is also an Eagle Scout, revitalized a local school, the Joshua Christian Academy. The project included a complete renovation of the landscaping, painting fresh lines in the parking lots, adding concrete barriers in areas of need, and making a sign to help identify the school. The staff at Joshua Christian Academy really appreciated the effort to make the school safer and more visually appealing.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Nicholas and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating him on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout and in wishing him nothing but continued success in his future education and career.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
MEDICAL ASSISTANTS WEEK**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor all medical assistant professionals as we observe National Medical Assistants Week.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, medical assisting is one of our country's fastest growing occupations with an estimated 584,000 men and women serving nationwide. These medical professionals are central figures in the health care industry as they promote, support, and help maintain cooperative and successful relationships between patients and physicians.

In the U.S., medical assistants have traditionally held jobs almost exclusively in ambulatory care centers, urgent care facilities, and clinics, but this is now changing. Today, medical assistants work in private and public hospitals, inpatient and outpatient facilities, assisted living facilities, or in general practice and specialists' offices. Operating with a wide

array of skills at their disposal, medical assistants are responsible for administrative roles such as scheduling appointments, maintaining medical records, recording billing and coding information for insurance purposes, as well as performing clinical duties like taking and recording vital signs, completing medical histories, preparing patients for examination, drawing blood, and administering medications as directed by a physician.

With their unique versatility, medical assistants are assets to the medical field that serves both doctors and patients with loyalty and dedication. It is a privilege to recognize these honorable men and women who are committed to health care and work diligently to heal fellow citizens and others in our country. I wish all who pursue this worthy vocation the best, and I urge all Americans to be aware of their sizeable contributions to our health care system.

REAUTHORIZING THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND AND ITS IMPACT ON OHIO'S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the need for federal highway and transit programs across the nation and for Republican leadership to pass the Highway Trust Fund.

Federal highway and transit programs are vitally important to the third congressional district of Ohio, which I proudly represent.

The design, construction, and maintenance of transportation infrastructure in the third congressional district supports 15,184 full-time jobs, earning these families a total of \$602.1 million annually.

Between 2005 and 2014, the federal investment in my congressional district has provided \$1.4 billion to support 380 highway and bridge projects worth \$2.1 billion.

Republican Leadership's failure to enact a robust, long-term funding bill for our decaying infrastructure system, is hurting our economy and hardworking American families all across our nation.

Mr. Speaker, a long-term bill helps provide good-paying jobs, safe and modern infrastructure, and efficient transportation.

Let's reauthorize the Highway and Transit Trust Fund today, before the October 29th deadline.

HONORING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR GEORGE FRANCIS (FRANK) MINOSKY, U.S. ARMY, RETIRED

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

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Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Command Sergeant Major George Francis (Frank) Minosky, U.S. Army, Retired. CSM Minosky answered the call to defend our great nation for over 25 years.

Today he lives in Belton, Texas where he continues to serve his fellow countrymen as a vibrant part of his growing central Texas community.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio CSM Minosky entered the Army in 1970. After a period of rigorous initial entry training, he was assigned to the legendary 82nd Airborne Division. Due to impeccable achievement and promotion to the non-commissioned officer ranks, he was selected for drill sergeant training in 1975. In this capacity, CSM Minosky provided superior leadership and shared his tactical expertise with thousands of recruits at Forts Ord and Sill.

Following his assignment as a drill sergeant, CSM Minosky served in Korea, Fort Bragg, and Hawaii. CSM Minosky's career culminated at Ft Hood, Texas where he retired in 1995 after 25 years of dedicated service. His last official assignment in the United States Army was Command Sergeant Major of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, a critical and prestigious assignment. Among a long list of accomplishments, CSM Minosky earned the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Expert Infantryman Badge, and the Master Parachutist Badge.

Upon retiring, CSM Minosky's sense of duty did not end with his active military service. Frank Minosky's dedication to country and soldiers manifested in his efforts with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10377, American Military Retiree Association, Enlisted Retiree Association, Fort Hood Commanding Generals Retiree Council, and the Chief of Staff Army's Retirees Council. Frank Minosky is also an active member of the Association for the United States Army and the First Cavalry Division Association.

Frank Minosky firmly embraced central Texas as his new home in 1992; since then, he has become an indispensable local community leader. Belton, TX singled Frank out as its Citizen of the year on one occasion. He has served superbly as a Belton City Councilman and presently contributes on the Belton Planning and Zoning Board. The good people of Central Texas are blessed to have him among us.

I am stirred with the strongest sense of pride and honor as an American to highlight the life of a true servant of the people. CSM Minosky's patriotism and commitment to service reflect the very best values of our beloved military servicemen and Central Texas. Let today be a celebration of one of our nation's heroes who devoted his life to keeping us free and making America a beacon of hope in the world. Along with his friends, family, and loved ones, I wish him both a happy, prosperous, and healthy life in the years ahead.

HONOR THE WORKERS AT THE MAPLE RIDGE WIND FARM

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the workers at the Maple Ridge Wind Farm in my district. Many of their employees recently visited Washington, calling on Con-

gress to pass policy that drives more clean energy solutions. Not only does the Maple Ridge Wind Farm supply the electricity needs for 96,000 homes in upstate New York, but since it became a part of the community in 2006, it has also provided \$8 million a year in tax revenues to Lewis County. What has this meant for the community? Well, at Lowville Academy and Central School, they have been able to add 11 positions to the payroll, add 10 advanced placement classes and keep other important programs such as art and music, all thanks to the added tax revenue from the wind project. This has been a remarkable advantage for this school district and the surrounding community. I want to thank the 35 employees—all of whom are local to upstate New York—who keep the Maple Ridge Wind Farm operating. I urge my colleagues to support clean energy incentives, like the Production Tax Credit, which has not only helped the U.S. become the leader in wind energy, but at a local level, drives private investments that can have such a positive impact on our rural communities.

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Credited with transforming the training given to doctors in northeastern Pennsylvania, Dr. Wright is the former president and CEO of the Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education. Originally established by Dr. Wright in 1977 as the Scranton Temple Residency Program, it was renamed in 2010 to honor Dr. Wright. Since its founding, The Wright Center's mission is to continuously improve education and patient care in a collaborative spirit in order to enhance health care outcomes, access, and affordability. The program includes all three Scranton hospitals and clinics in Scranton, Archbald, and Clarks Summit. Dr. Wright also played an integral role in establishing The Commonwealth Medical College in Scranton and generated significant community support for the endeavor.

Dr. Wright is a graduate of the Temple School of Medicine. He completed his residency training in Internal Medicine at Temple and fellowship training in Hematology and Oncology at the University of Washington in Seattle. He is a Professor of Medicine at Temple University and also holds a volunteer faculty appointment at The Commonwealth Medical College. Dr. Wright was the Founding Chair of The Commonwealth Medical College Board and currently chairs its Academic Affairs and Compliance Committees.

It is an honor to recognize Dr. Robert Wright for the pioneering work he has done for the medical community, and I extend my congratulations to him on being awarded the